

## The Florida House of Representatives

Chris Sprowls Speaker

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## ICYMI: Florida Speaker Chris Sprowls Puts Big Tech on Notice: "We are Demanding Transparency"

"Florida is taking back the virtual public square as a place where information and ideas can flow freely," said Speaker Chris Sprowls.

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** (February 6, 2021) — This week, Florida Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls (R-Palm Harbor), joined Fox and Friends on Fox News Channel and Rob Schmitt Tonight on Newsmax to highlight the Transparency in Technology Act (TTA), the first-in-the-nation bill that shines a light on the Five Families of Darkness – Apple, Amazon, Facebook, Google, and Twitter – and provides Floridians with more transparency on their content moderation and algorithms.



On Fox and Friends, Sprowls said "Social media platforms have morphed into the town square. We need to protect our folks from being deplatformed, from being censored, from being shadowbanned ... This bill prohibits that from happening. It says that they have to be transparent as to what the rules of the game are. They have to consistently apply those rules." (LINK)



On *Rob Schmitt Tonight*, Sprowls said, "It's going to take Republican leaders like Governor Ron DeSantis and the Republican-led Legislature in Florida to push back on the monopolies of Big Tech ... One day it might be a conservative politican or a conservative news outlet that's being shut down. Today they're coming for them, but tomorrow they could be coming for you. They could be coming for your ideas, your news outlet." (LINK)